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Mr. Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capital Mall Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814 Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

3 Local Element

 Adds a new project for the Transportation Demand Management Service (Commute Connection) in San Joaquin County. The project includes funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for a project type that has been found by the SJCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. This project is included and submitted by SJCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SJCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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Enclosures

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